



Central Texas Ballooning Association
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July



General Meeting
Zebra Training
July Lake Flight Preparation
Monday, July 11
Social Hour 6:30^{PM}
General Meeting 7:30^{PM}



Upcoming Events

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| July 8 - 9 | Lampasas Spring Ho |
| July 11 | Monthly Meeting |
| July 16 | Annual Lake Flight |
| August 8 | Monthly Meeting |
| August 13 | Club Flight |



2005

President's Notes

Even though all the flights were winded out, Palestine was still a great time. We provided a pretty nice glow on Friday night, but could only do a burner glow for Saturday night. And, once again, it was too windy for John Ninomoya to try a cluster balloon flight. Maybe next year the winds will be more cooperative.

The Lake Travis Flight is upon us! If we approach last year's count of 22 balloons, we'll all need to work together to ensure a safe morning. So, Monday's meeting will focus on launch safety. Flyable mornings (especially week-ends) are coming around more often so we should have a few interesting flight stories to hear as well.

Cynthia

Club News

July Club Meeting

We will be meeting at the usual spot, Tres Amigos and our topic will be “Lake Flight Preparation.” We are getting ready for the July 16th event and hope you will come to the meeting to discuss preparations.

CTBA Communications

The CTBA website is www.main.org/ctba. Current events are updated often and the newsletter is posted to the website in Adobe pdf format, usually during the first week of each month. We have recently purchased the domain www.centraltexasballooning.com and that website will be operational soon. Once it is, we'll have a ‘members only’ area where we can securely share information, such as the club membership roster (sent via email).

The club message line is 479-9421. Check this line a day or two before a club flight for information on when and where to meet up. Final go/no go decisions can be posted here within 12 hours of flight.

We have an email reflector list. Generally, it's used to share information such as who's interested in flying, who needs crew, and other club-related announcements. The address to subscribe or manage your subscription is <http://www.sangabriel.com/mailman/listinfo/ctbapilots>. If you're already subscribed and don't get ‘ctbapilots’ messages, it's possible that these messages are being blocked as spam and you should check with your email service provider.

Hope to see you at a flying event soon!

~Cynthia

Meeting Minutes, June 13, 2005

We met at the park and informally discussed the Lake Flight and ballooning events. It seemed like everyone enjoyed the array of food that was shared. There were only a few mosquitos and ants to deal with, but overall a nice alternative to Tres Amigos.

Red Zone Update

Please mark on your maps a new red zone. It is the northwest corner of 124 and 339, NW of Taylor and east of Weir. Mark the area from the corner to about halfway west toward 159 along the north side of 124.



OK, There actually was some flying at this year's Palestine Heritage Flight. Rusty kept this kite airborne until the flightline became too dangerous on account of a runaway balloon cart. See last month's newsletter for more details.



This 2005 photo provided by E. Joseph Deering shows a hot air balloon drifting over the city of Austin, Texas, and is one of more than 130 images Deering has taken of the Texas flag as it appeared on buildings, boats, boots, buses and belt buckles for an exhibit opening July 4 at the George Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University.



Mike Emich Antics

Heres Mike back in the early 80's riding atop a Barnes balloon utilizing a platform and a parachute harness.





June 19, 2005

CTBA Club Flight - Taylor Airport

Five balloons piloted by Joe, Lloyd, Nick, Rusty, Sam and Gary floated over the city of Taylor this fine Spring morning.



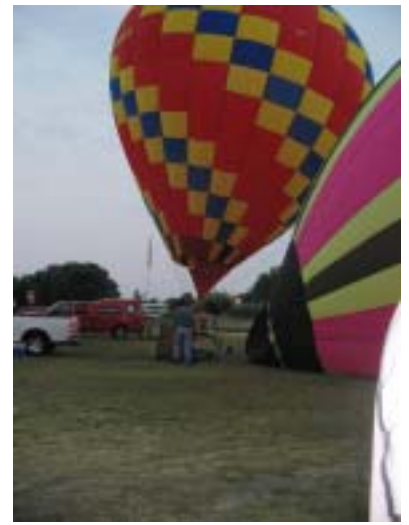
Recap from June 26th



Rusty and Joe prepare to launch.

Five club members flew from Graham Elementary on a beautiful Sunday dawn. Lowell & Leah were with Spirit, Rusty, Phil, Sam Edwards, and Joe. Wind at 500-700 feet steered toward Dell Diamond, but surface wind steered sharply East with cal at the ground. Lowell took 15 minutes to get over a fence/tree line and set down in a new development. There were two first time flyers.

—
Joe Reynolds



Along with Sam and Phil.



Phil and Renee on her first flight.



Spirit over Central Texas



Skinny almost drove off after tailgating with Phillip's keys. He handed them to Phillip, who promptly dropped them down a sewer drain in the parking lot. They were successfully retrieved using Lowell's bolt cutters. Rusty gets the good samaritan award for loaning half her crew to Joe, and then flying solo. New crewmember Renee Wimbish brought homemade peach cobbler, which ruled. For the first time in recorded history, Skinny turned down a Guinness beer. Sam Edwards flew a couple for their anniversary.
Phil



International Aeronauts League News

What a treat it was to visit Minneapolis, MN during the weekend of May 21. The International Aeronauts League named Don Piccard a distinguished Fellow of the organization. The presentation of Don's diploma coincided with the Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation's award to Bertrand Piccard.

On Friday, I arrived in time for a party at Greg Herrick's hangar at Anoka Municipal (KANE) where his historic aircraft collection is based. I say based, not housed, because these Ford Tri Motor and other historic flying machines are regularly flown and enjoyed. The party was for Bertrand Piccard and it was hosted by renowned educators and entrepreneurs John and Martha King.

Speakers included Erik Lindbergh, Greg Herrick, Burt Rutan and Bertrand Piccard. Erik explained the goals of the Lindbergh Foundation and its laser focus on helping the world balance technology and the environment... a cause his pioneering grandparent's championed through the later part of their lives.

Greg Herrick told an amusing anecdote about nearly crashing one of his newly acquired airplanes... He almost flew it through the envelope of a blimp as he tried to guide the crippled antique back to the airfield he had just departed.

Burt Rutan talked about his youth and what drove him to his passion for aircraft design. He completed his lecture by explaining the principles of enquiry he learned from his father which led to his most recent success – SpaceShip One and the X-Prize. He cautioned the audience that today's youth must strive to change the world, not settle for cell phones.

Bertrand talked about the joy he had in circling the globe with Brian Jones in 1999. The improvised tools used insured that ice did not block their portholes and snow and frost did not interfere with their ability to maneuver the Breitling Orbiter III. Descriptions of his ancestors' work in aviation and oceanography fascinated and moved the crowd. He was very proud to say that his father went the deepest, his grandfather the highest and he the longest. Don Piccard beamed as Bertrand talked about Jean-Felix and Jeannette and the great contributions of the American Piccards. He closed with an introduction to his latest challenge, the Solar Impulse, an aircraft planned to circumnavigate the globe non-stop using only solar energy as its fuel source (www.solar-impulse.com).

On Saturday afternoon, Don invited the Minnesota Ballooning Association to his home for a barbeque with Bertrand, his wife Michelle and Don's better-half Willie. During the party I got to meet members of the club and Sam Blackburn one of our first IAL members and president of the MBA. Don accepted his Fellow's diploma during the meeting and promptly invited Bertrand to join the IAL, which he graciously accepted. We also got to see Don's latest work-in-progress, the Pink Lady (<http://www.piccard.info/pink.htm>). He plans to pilot this beauty in Chambley for the Mondial Air Balloons, Lorraine 2005. This work has high potential for ushering in a new era in sport gas ballooning which is inexpensive, safe and easy to operate. Déjà vu all over again?

On Saturday night, Bertrand accepted the Lindbergh award during a gala held at the Minnesota Historical Museum. His second speech of the weekend focused on his work as a physician and the disease Noma. The disease is a scourge which mainly effects malnourished children by ravaging their faces and other features through bacterial flesh-eating agents. Simple antibiotic treatments can eradicate the disease and his Winds of Hope Foundation (www.windsofhope.org) is working to do just that. He makes a plea to the world for help in the cause for which the cure is known, but awareness and dollars are lacking.

Overall it was an enlightening, fun and inspiring weekend... spent with new and old flying friends.

John S. Craparo

Private Pilot

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Burt Rutan, Bertrand Piccard, John Craparo and Don Piccard as Burt talks about work on SpaceShip One.



Bertrand and Don with John Craparo moments after Don accepted the IAL Fellows diploma.



Don, Bertrand with John and Martha King after the Lindbergh medal presentation.

Club Flight News

June was a great month with a successful club flight weekend and several other flying opportunities. We started off with ground-based balloon activity at the Palestine Heritage Flight. No flights but exciting glowing and go-carting as documented in last month's newsletter. Five balloons participated in the monthly club flight, launching from Taylor Airport and overflying town. The following weekend provided another chance for 5 CTBA balloons to get airborne.

Upcoming TX Balloon Events

Ballunar Liftoff Festival	Houston/NASA	August 26 - 28
Big Bend Balloon Bash	Alpine	September 3 - 5
Big Country Balloonfest	Abilene	September 23 - 25
International Balloon Fiesta	Albuquerque	Sept 30 - October 9

FAA Web Site Home page (<http://www.faa.gov>) has a list of links for pilots that lead to **graphic TFRs** (<http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr/list.jsp>), **NOTAMs** (<https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/distribution/atccsc.html>), **Weather** (http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/weather/), and a downloadable pilot certificate application.

CTBA Library - Remember that we have volumes of interesting and educational balloon literature. If you would like to read the latest newsletters from Albuquerque or Colorado, learn about weather or flash back to last century's news, we probably have a document to suit you. Send the editor an email or ask us at the next meeting.

CTBA Electronic Newsletter

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or have information about a ballooning event, please contact editor Mike Pryor at wmpyor@austin.rr.com or 467-9274. The deadline for the newsletter is the same as the Board Meeting date.

CTBA Marketplace

Get Your CTBA Spirit

Display a **CTBA Decal** on your car, truck, trailer, bike, or cooler. Offer them to friends or passengers. Blue, yellow and white, 3 inch diameter with adhesive back. Only \$2.

T-Shirts - Royal Blue with the same logo as decals. Small emblem on the chest and large one on back - \$10

Patches - Embroidered cloth - \$2

All available at club meetings and club flights.



CTBA Patches



Decals & T-Shirts

DO IT YOURSELF Magnetic Sign Kit for Cars, Trucks or Vans. Kit comes complete with 2 12x18 White Magnetic Signs and 10 Full Sheets of: Red & Black Vinyl Letters, Numbers and Borders. Cuts with Scissors to make Custom Shapes. Regular Retail Price \$29.95. CTBA Member Special Price \$20.00. Contact Lowell 459-1339

Trade: anyone want to trade a 24" fan guard for my 30 inch? call phil. if your guard is all beat up, don't call.

Classified Ads are FREE to members. Buy, sell, trade or swap balloon or non-balloon related items. Submit copy to the editor no later than the Board meeting date (4th Monday of the month).

FOR SALE: Envelopes, Baskets and Tanks

- * Lindstrand 60A "AIRHORN 1" Texas Longhorn Design. (1998), 170 hours total time. Top 1/3 + Hyperlife Full nomex base panel and scoop. Excellent Condition (enough spare custom burn-orange cloth for a complete re-build)
- * Thunder and Colt 69A "Lisa's Diamonds" . (1991), 225 hours total time. Top 1/3 Hyperlife. Fair condition.
- * Lindstrand 1998 42 X 48 Ascot Basket with smooth Brown leather. Jetstream Double Burners (Series II) Excellent Condition
- * Thunder and Colt 1991 42" x 48" Basket with smooth Black leather. Double Burners in great shape. Set up for "flexible system only" but can be converted.
- * 3- Stainless 15 Gallon tanks with quick shut off valves. (must go with one of the systems or not at all)

Contact **Jeff Jones** for more details, pictures or pricing jeff@texasmagicballoons.com

July 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 6:33 * 8:37 ○
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 6:36 * 8:36 ○
10	11 CLUB MEETING	12	13 Cynthia Pryor	14 Donna Crabtree	15	16 CLUB FLIGHT 6:40 * 8:34 ○
17	18	19	20	21	22 Linda Christopherson	23 6:44 * 8:30 ○
24	25 BOARD MEETING	26	27	28	29 Julie Miller	30 6:48 * 8:26 ○

August 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Chris Theophilus	3	4	5	6 6:53 * 8:20 ○
7	8 CLUB MEETING	9	10	11	12	13 CLUB FLIGHT 6:57 * 8:14 ○
14	15	16	17 David Bair	18 Carol Boatman Brian Critelli Lynn Sawyer	19	20 7:01 * 8:07 ○
21	22 BOARD MEETING	23	24 Sam Edwards	25	26	27 7:05 * 7:59 ○
28	29	30	31 Rusty Kaim			 7:09 * 7:51 ○